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**Status**

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                        | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)                     |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)    | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.  |
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### **Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112**

Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In line 1-2 of claim 1, the applicant claims organic EL device having at least two organic electroluminescence layers and electrodes "provided alternately". Here, it is not clear at all, as to what exactly the applicant is intending to claim. It is not clear at all as to how exactly are at least two organic electroluminescence layers and electrodes "provided alternately".

In lines 1-3 of claim 1, the applicant claims organic EL device having at least two organic electroluminescence layers and electrodes provided alternately on an upper layer of an electrode formed on a substrate "respectively". Here, it is not clear at all, as to what exactly the applicant is intending to claim with phrase "respectively".

The applicant is suggested to write a claim or claim limitations, in the manner such that exact order of claimed elements are clearly understood. The applicant may recite exact position of an element by reciting the element and then reciting a second element "directly on top and contacting the first element".

In lines 3 and 4 of claim 2 "the odd numbered electrodes" and "even numbered electrodes" lack antecedent basis.

In lines 2-3 of claim 3, it is not clear as to what exactly applicant means by "wherein an electrode for transmitting a light which is electroluminescence emitted is set to be transparent electrode".

In lines 3-6 of claim 3, it is not clear as to what exactly applicant means by a metal film is formed of... .."which is to be the cathode and the organic EL layer". A similar situation appears in claim 5.

Regarding claims 1-7, claims 1-7 are so informal (see rejection of claims under 35 USC 112, second paragraph) that no meaningful examination can be undertaken at this time. See MPEP 702.01.

### **Contact Information**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vip Patel whose telephone number is (571) 272-2458. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nimesh D Patel can be reached on (571) 272-2457. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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